

STRICT REGULATION OF JITNEYS FAVORED

William McK. Clayton Says
Buses Should Not Enjoy
Special Exemptions.

Disagreeing with the conclusions reached by Corporation Counsel Conrad Syme relative to the operation of jitneys in the District, William McK. Clayton, active in civic affairs, believes the new form of transportation should not be benefited by special exemptions or enjoy privileges not accorded other carriers. He believes also that the Public Utilities Commission should strictly regulate the operation of the buses in the District.

In addressing the last meeting of the Park View Citizens' Association, Mr. Clayton went exhaustively into the work thus far performed by the Public Utilities Commission, and asserted if Washington had such a governing body twenty years ago, it would have prevailed in the District today.

"The greatest burden of the citizens today is the overissue of stocks and bonds by public utilities," Mr. Clayton said, "and the Public Utilities Commission is the means through which overcapitalization soon will be impossible."

Mr. Clayton said the public utilities of the District had sought bond and stock issues amounting to \$12,500,000 during the last two years, whereas the commission had authorized only \$2,500,000.

The valuations thus far made by the commission, he stated, were significant of the precautionary measure taken by the body governing the utilities. Touching on the jitney bus proposition, Mr. Clayton disagreed with the opinion of Corporation Counsel Syme, expressing the belief that the street railway companies should be considered before any new transportation facility.

"If any special exemptions or extraordinary privileges are to be granted by the Public Utilities Commission to the jitney promoters," he said, "it must be extended rather to those railway companies which have borne the storm and stress of the lean years in the transportation business in the District, and which now offer to extend all tracks necessary to relieve congestion on existing lines."

To Commissioner Newman as a member of the Public Utilities Commission, Mr. Clayton directed words of the highest praise, declaring the administration of Mr. Newman to be characterized by earnest efforts.

Baseball Challenges Fly Between Scouts

Baseball challenges are flying between the various Boy Scout troops in the city. The latest deft comes from Troop No. 11, of which E. E. Fisher is scoutmaster. Scoutmaster Fisher is manager, and he promises not to do any chances.

The troop recently gave a most successful minstrel show, and it will repeat it shortly for the benefit of Troop No. 24. A competent instructor in the use of life and drum has been secured by the troop.

Mt. Rainier Scouts Give Banquet at Anniversary

Boy Scouts and officers of Troop No. 1, Mt. Rainier, observed their second anniversary with a banquet Friday night. Scoutmaster C. H. Pryor being in charge. Field Executive S. S. Apion, members of the troop committee and other Mt. Rainier citizens interested in the work were present.

A second troop probably will be organized in the suburb in the autumn.

When there will probably be two troops in Hyattsville, one in Riverdale and one in Herwyn. Mr. Apion announced at the anniversary meeting that if the organization of new troops proceeded as anticipated the local council would present the award of a trophy to be contested for by the troops of that vicinity.

Fourteen Scouts Pass Second Class Tests

Fourteen scouts from six troops passed their second-class tests in first aid and signaling at the new headquarters in the Corcoran building Friday night. First-class tests will be given there next Friday evening and concluded at Rosalyn the following morning.

The scouts who passed their tests, under the direction of Deputy Field Executive S. E. Fisher and H. H. Grogan last week, were William Hocke, George Howell, and Charles Smith, of Troop No. 1; John Ballard, of Troop No. 12; Carroll Megill and Louis Windmer, of Troop No. 15; Herndon Normandy and Walter Sornborger, of Troop No. 23; Ralph Earle, Walcott Waggaman, and John Wetherill, of Troop No. 39; Edward Brown, Edward Murphy, and Alan Boyd, of Troop No. 42.

Troop 21 and 23 Scouts Take Sixteen-Mile Hike

A hike of sixteen miles, from Takoma Park to Berwyn and return, was taken by most of the Boy Scouts of Troop No. 21 and Troop No. 23 last week, when they took part in the flag raising at the Berwyn School. Some of the boys camped out overnight.

The scouts were accompanied by Capt. Adina Clarke, scoutmaster of Troop No. 23, and Scoutmaster Harries, of No. 21. The flag raising exercises were in charge of Scoutmaster H. G. Lugenbell, and addresses were made by all the scout officials present.

Scribe Clinton Allard has been elected manager of the ball team of No. 21, and during the summer an extensive program of athletic and scout activities will be carried out. A court of honor, composed of officers of the troop, has been organized to deal with delinquent scouts.

Tag Day Prizes to Be Distributed Saturday

A big scout rally has been announced for Saturday evening, at which the forty-three prizes won by scouts on tag day will be distributed. The rally will be held on the Patterson tract at Florida and New York avenues and the scout officials hope to be able to get permission from the District Commissioners to have a big camp fire there.

Field Executive S. S. Apion will be in charge and members of the local council will attend. There probably will be a review of the scouts and several brief addresses. All scouts in the District are to be present, whether they are prize winners or not. This will be two weeks in advance of the big field day in Potomac Park, and it will do much to promote interest in the latter demonstration.

Bought Orange, Got Wife.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 9.—John Fanning, a Walla Walla farmer, bought an orange while going from this city to Portland recently, and got a California girl for his wife. Fanning purchased the orange from a newsy and found the name of Miss Laura White, of Portland, on the wrapper. In Portland he wrote the young woman. Several letters and a proposal by wire followed.

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PETWORTH TO MAKE THE EAGLE SCREAM

Citizens' Committee at Work on
Plans for Big Fourth of July
Celebration.

Tentative plans for the all-day Fourth of July celebration in Petworth, to be arranged by the Petworth Citizens' Association, were announced today by R. E. Adams, chairman of the general committee in charge.

The celebration will begin in the morning with a monster parade of children with decorated floats and vehicles and a lawn tennis tournament between the married men and single men at Georgia avenue and Webster street northwest.

The afternoon program will include a baseball game at Grant Circle and athletic events for children in Libby Park. After a picnic supper served in the park, patriotic exercises will be held, followed by a display of fireworks. The final illumination of the park will be with red fire.

The Petworth association in the past has been in the forefront of citizens' organizations in celebrating Independence Day, and this year's celebration is expected to eclipse all previous ones. The chairman and vice chairman of the committee planning the celebration include O. J. Randall and John S. Miller, patriotic exercises; James O. Robee and S. A. Moore, fireworks; H. J. Phelps and I. C. Ellis, finance; Dr. A. C. Norcross and Dr. E. H. Campbell, first aid; C. H. Hamson and John N. Seven-son, final illumination; Jesse E. Suter and Charles A. Annandale, children's parade; C. J. James and S. A. Postle, publicity; Perry D. Patrick and Robert H. Hartson, auditing; E. D. Polard and A. G. Graves, accommodations; C. E. Wire and R. F. McElroy, athletic; W. L. Rhodes, treasurer, and T. C. Homiller, secretary.

Wed Fifty Years, Pair Will Celebrate Tuesday

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Theodore and Florida Howard Van Tine Friebeus, 123 U street northwest, will be celebrated Tuesday evening in the New Ebbitt.

Mr. Friebeus, who is now retired, was one of the pioneer dry goods merchants of Washington, engaging in the business at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest in 1866, two years after he came to Washington from Halle, Germany. Mrs. Friebeus is a native Washingtonian.

Snake Had Motor Trip.
PORT CLARK, N. D., May 9.—An automobile riding bull snake, four feet long, is the latest. William McDonald and Clarence Rickel were motoring when they saw the snake in the road. They stopped the machine directly over it, but when they examined closer could not locate the serpent. On their return to town they found it under the hood and around the frame of the machine, apparently enjoying the ride.

Wife and Son Expected To Die From Gun Shots

Little hope is today entertained for the recovery of Percy Allen, colored, twenty-two, who cut his throat last night after shooting his sixteen-year-old wife, Berline Allen, and their son, Irving Sylvester Allen, eight months old. The woman and baby have an even chance to recover.

The shooting took place on the street in front of the home of James Carter, near Sixteenth and Norris streets northwest, after a brief quarrel, during which Allen took his wife to task for having visited a neighboring moving picture show. The woman was holding the baby in her arms when Allen, it is alleged, by the police, drew a revolver and began shooting. One shot struck the woman in the right breast and another in the left knee. A third pierced the baby's abdomen.

Employees of Uncle Sam To Get Pay on May 29

All of Uncle Sam's employees in the Treasury Department will receive their salary for the last half of May, on Saturday, May 29, instead of Tuesday, June 1, as in the ordinary course.

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Relic of Historic Span.

AUSTIN, Tex., May 9.—During the annual convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas the society was presented with a piece of the cross still of the old Venice bayou bridge, which was destroyed by Sam Houston's order by a half dozen picked men, who burned it the day preceding the battle of San Jacinto to prevent the escape of Santa Anna. Mrs. Julia Rose Anderson, of Victoria, the donor of the relic, made the presentation speech.

Storm Opened Grave.

WAYNESBORO, Pa., May 9.—A very peculiar result of a recent storm was the tearing up of a poplar tree by the roots, which revealed an old vault on the farm of Heber Ritter, near Trappe station, in Talbot county, Md. When the tree fell it tore the top of the grave open, and leg bones, about which the roots had grown, dangled in the air. A human skeleton, the skull, and a part of a shoe could be plainly seen in the broken coffin.

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